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Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-ninth session

Draft report

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Chapter ___. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its forty-ninth session at United Nations Headquarters from 28 February to 11 March 2005. The Commission held _____ meetings (1st to __).

2. The session was opened by the Chairperson of the Commission, Kyung-wha Kang (Republic of Korea), who also made a statement.

3. At its 1st meeting, on 28 February, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the acting President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed the Commission.

4. The Commission viewed a short video-presentation, entitled "Agents of Change", prepared by the Department of Public Information.

5. At the same meeting, statements were made by the First Lady of Mexico, the Minister of Social Affairs and General Equality of Denmark, the Minister of Water and Irrigation of Kenya and the Vice-Chairperson of the National Committee on Women and Children under the State Council and Vice-President of the All-China Women's Federation, in their capacity as dignitaries representing the host countries of the four United Nations World Conferences on Women.

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B. Attendance

6. The session was attended by representatives of 45 States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended.

C. Officers of the Commission

7. In accordance with paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/21, in which the Council recommended that the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission should serve for a term of office of two years, the following officers elected at the forty-eighth session continued to serve during the forty-ninth session:

Chairperson:

Kyung-wha Kang (Republic of Korea)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Tebatso Baleseng (Botswana)
Beatrice Maillé (Canada)
Marine Davtyan* (Armenia) (who also served as Rapporteur)

8. At its 1st meeting, on 28 February, the Commission elected Romy Tincopa (Peru) to serve as Vice-Chairperson for the forty-ninth session.

D. Agenda and organization of work

9. At its 1st meeting, on 28 February, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda and approved its organization of work as contained in document E/CN.6/2005/1 and Corr.1 and 2. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century":
   (a) Review of gender mainstreaming in entities of the United Nations system;
   (b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men;
   (c) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in the critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives;

* Elected at the forty-eighth session to serve for the forty-ninth session only.

(i) Review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century";

(ii) Current challenges and forward-looking strategies for the advancement and empowerment of women and girls.

4. Communications concerning the status of women.

5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.

6. Provisional agenda for the fiftieth session of the Commission.

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-ninth session.

E. Appointment of the members of a working group on communications on the status of women

10. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/27, the Commission established a working group to consider communications concerning the status of women. The following five members, nominated by their regional groups, were appointed:

Xiao Mei Li (China)
Farah Adjalova (Azerbaijan)
Connie Taracena (Guatemala)
Richard Wood (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Adekunbi Abibat Sonaike (Nigeria)

11. The working group held ___ meetings.